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Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed May 16, 2002, in connection with the above application.

In the specification:

◊◊ Please replace the fifth complete paragraph on page 7 with the following:

The human *patched* gene has been mapped to human chromosome band 9q22.3, and lies between the polymorphic markers D9S196 and D9S287 (a detailed map of human genome markers may be found in Dib et al. (1996) *Nature* 280:152.

A marked-up version of the specification is provided to reflect the above changes.